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TOWN OF TURTLE CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2009

1. February 4, 2009 meeting called to order by Chairman Don Jones at 7:03 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Members present were Ralph Carlson, Ethel Maxworthy, Jean Swanson Chuck Wollslair Supervisor Tim Kopp, Chairman Don Jones. Mike Birkholz, Sexton/Highway Dept. was present. One member, Greg Skokut was absent. Citizen, Ed Swanson was also in attendance and Board of Supervisors Dan DeLong and Pam DeLong were present for a brief time.
3. **Motion to approve February 4th Agenda** was made by Tim Kopp, seconded by Ralph Carlson. – Approved by all in attendance.
4. **Motion to approve January 7th Minutes** was made by Tim Kopp, Seconded by Chuck Wollslair. In question was the budget figures of \$15,125.00 with an alternative of \$8,250.00 offered by the committee, on the recommendation of Board of Supervisors leaving out the mowing & maintenance charges; which will be placed into the Highway Dept. Budget.. The committee thus made these two recommendations for budget considerations. The Board of Supervisors did allot a lower figure of \$6,000.00 for 2009 budget. This was not a change in the minutes, but was a change in allotment by the Board of Supervisors. Minutes were thus approved by the full committee.
5. **Financial report** for 2009 was given by Sec. Swanson. The 2009 budget was lowered to \$6,000.00 from the requested \$8,250.00. Also there is \$40,868.46 in the Money Market account. 17 graves sites were sold in the month of January and two burials conducted for a total revenue of \$7,600.00. There were no expenditures in January. Motion to approve financial report was made by Don Jones and seconded by Ralph Carlson, and carried by full committee.
6. **Mike Birkholz, Sexton** reported the sale grave sites, three in Turtleville Cemetery and fourteen in Shopiere Cemetery. Also there was two burials, one in each of the cemeteries.
7. **Citizen Remarks and Questions** – Supervisor Chairman, Dan DeLong offered his appreciation to the committee members for the time and efforts put forth to the betterment of the Town of Turtle and also his heartfelt appreciation for working with him personally.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. Mike Birkholz gave a follow-up reference the “Sweet Marker”. He spoke to a member of the Dam Committee and asked if there might be a place to put this marker. The member indicated that he would present the issue to the committee and will stay in contact with Mike Birkholz accordingly.
 - b. Jean Swanson reported the reduction in the 2009 budget, from \$8,250 to \$6,000.
 - c. Veteran, and Pauper designated areas was again discussed. The committee agreed that at a later date, weather permitting, the committee will go to the Shopiere Cemetery and try to agree on a designated area for

the Veterans. There presently is a pauper's area, but Mike Birkholz indicated that all those graves are filled to capacity. This will be brought back to the committee at a later date.

- d. The committee's recommendation for "Chapter 20, Ordinance 103" hearing by the Board of Supervisors will be conducted at the regular board meeting on February 11, 2009.
- e. The committee's recommendation for Cemetery Fees was approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 14, 2009 meeting and will become effective immediately.

9. **New Business:**

- a. The question of public signage at the entrance of each cemetery was discussed. Chuck Wollslair and Greg Skokut to find and compare other local cemeteries in the area to see what they have for public information at their entrances. The information will be brought back to the committee in April 2009. Also it was thought that a short news brief might be placed in the Town Topics at some point. We presently need to remove old signage.
- b. Revenue Direction was in question by members. Discussion was pursued as to what should be directed to the committee and what should go into the general fund. Also some concern about the present "money market" and the use to be CD. There should also be "line items" for designated monies coming from individual or corporations for a certain cause. Supervisor Kopp will look into these issues with the Town Treasurer and Auditors, bringing his report back to the committee in April.

10. **Set Meeting Date** will be April 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Turtle Town Community Center.

11. **Adjournment** – Motion made by Jean Swanson, seconded by Chuck Wollslair to adjourn the meeting. Approved by all in attendance and adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Swanson
Secretary.